

REMARKS

SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for the informalities page 4, lines 2-3, as well as the entire paragraph within which those lines appear. The Examiner asserts that the paragraph still lacks clarity. Applicant regrets the confusion, and has amended the paragraph to properly reflect the invention. No new matter has been entered.

DRAWINGS

The drawings were originally objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a) because they failed to show the line holder in conjunction with the fishing rod and fishing line (containing hooks and lures). The drawings were also originally objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a) because they failed to show the “indentations” mentioned in claim 11. The Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 1 has been amended to show the invention in conjunction with the fishing rod (shown in dotted lines), fishing line (shown strung around the first and second set of bars), and a lure and a hook. Amendments to Figure 1 have been red-lined. The applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are now in conformity. No new matter has been entered. NOTE TO EXAMINER: Applicant erroneously referred to the corrected Figure 1 as “a new Figure 3” in the last filed amendment. Per this amendment, Applicant requests that the corrected Figure 1, as labeled and corrected, be entered as a corrected Figure 1. The corrected Figure 1 submitted with the present amendment and response is identical to the corrected Figure 1 submitted with the last response. Care has been taken to refer to it as Figure 1.

PRIORITY

The priority claim was objected to under 35 U.S.C. 119 (e) for the current application was filed after 12 months from the provisional application. Please delete the claim for priority of the current application, which is the first sentence on page 1 of the present current application.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

Claims 1, 6-9 and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The applicant respectfully submits that the word “circular” has been replaced with the word “curved.” Claims 13 and 14 were also rejected because there was insufficient antecedent basis for “series of bars.” Applicant has replaced “series of bars” with “curved region” in the present amendment and response. Applicant regrets the error. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1, 12-15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Sherbondy, US Patent 4,922,644. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 (as well as claims 12-15 and 17 which depend ultimately from claim 1) has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6, which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in combination with claim 1’s limitations. Applicant has broadened claim 1 (as well as claims 12-15 and 17 which depend ultimately from claim 1) to read “curved region” as opposed to “series of bars.” No new matter has been entered. The applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 12-15, and 17 are now allowable as amended.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable under Sherbondy, US Patent 4,922,644. The applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 is dependent on amended claim 1, and is therefore now allowable.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6-8 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has done that which the Examiner had indicated, as claims 6 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 1, and claims 7-8 and 16 depend ultimately from claim 6.

Other amendments have been made to claims 12-14 and 17-18 to make them consistent with the newly amended claim 1.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the attorney of record, Michael L. Greenberg, at 301-588-8393 should the claims not be deemed allowable for any reason.

This amendment is submitted within three months past the shortened response period, and thus, a petition for a three month extension is hereby requested. Please charge all fees due and owing for a three month petition, as well as an RCE to Deposit Account 500356. Please also see the attached page of Marked Up claims, Marked Up Figure 1, and Marked Up Specification.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Michael Greenberg, hereby certify that this Office Action response and RCE are being mailed on March 3, 2003, via United States Postal Service First Class Mail Postage Prepaid to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

Sincerely,



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MARKED UP SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Kindly delete the first sentence on page 1, which is the claim for priority of the current application.

Kindly amend page 3, last paragraph, as continuing to page 4, to read:

“The first plane (50) is disposed parallel to the second plane (60). The first plane (50) and second plane (60) are each 5 inches long, by 1 inch wide. The total thickness of the present invention is 1 inch. The compact size of the present invention allows the user to easily store a line wrapped neatly in a tackle box. In the interim of first (50) and second (60) planes are first (70) and second (80) set of parallel bars. The first set of bars (70) has bars constructed equidistant from one another, and the second set of bars (80) [set of bars] has bars constructed equidistant from one another [in each set]. The innermost bar in each set of bars (70,80) is the longest, as measured from the left side of figure 1 to the right side of figure 1; and within each set of bars (70,80), each bar is slightly smaller than the next innermost bar, as measured from the left side of figure 1 to the right side of figure 1, such that the gradual shortening of the bars within each set of bars (70, 80) [to the end, creating] creates a curvature toward each end of the present invention. The curvature of the sets of bars (70, 80) creates easy wrapping of the line upon reel in such a manner so the line will not be cut, rubbed or become tangled. The space between the bars (70, 80) is designed to be able to accept a hook once the leader string has been fully wrapped. The currently used bright orange color of the present invention (10) makes it

simple for the user to locate the present invention (10). Two horse shoe shaped cuts (Figure 2, 90, 100) have been made on opposite sides and ends of the invention (10) which are designed to accept and secure the leader string or hook for storage purposes.”

MARKED UP CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. A fishing line apparatus, for fitting along a rod of a fishing pole, comprising:
a generally elongate first plane;
[a first set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming] a first [circular]
curved region at a first end of said first plane;
[a second set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming] a second
[circular] curved region at a second end of said first plane;
a series of legs, communicating with said first plane, for attaching to the rod of the
fishing pole;
a series of fasteners, communicating with said series of legs; and
a generally elongate second plane, communicating with said first [set of bars] curved
region and said second [set of bars] curved region;
wherein said first plane and second plane are generally elongate in parallel to the rod
of the fishing pole.

6. [The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, further comprising]

A fishing line apparatus, for fitting along a rod of a fishing pole, comprising:

a generally elongate first plane;
a first set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming a first curved region
at a first end of said first plane;

a second set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming a second curved region at a second end of said first plane;
a series of legs, communicating with said first plane, for attaching to the rod of the fishing pole;
a series of fasteners, communicating with said series of legs; and
a generally elongate second plane, communicating with said first set of bars and said second set of bars;
wherein said first plane and second plane are generally elongate in parallel to the rod of the fishing pole.

12. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, further comprising a hollow space between said first [set of bars] curved region and said second [set of bars] curved region, communicating with said first and said second planes.

13. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 12, wherein said first [series of bars] curved region and said second [series of bars] curved region create curvatures from the middle to the exterior of said first and second planes.

14. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 13, wherein a fishing line can be wrapped around said first [series of bars] curved region and said second [series of bars] curved region.

17. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, wherein said first [set of bars] curved region and said second [set of bars] curved region is a means for wrapping a fishing line for storage or use.

18. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, wherein said first [set of bars] curved region and said second [set of bars] curved region is a means for wrapping a rope or thread for storage or use.



FIGURE 1

